GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION OF GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether `Registrar` has been appointed to register the geographical indication of goods under the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999;

(b) If not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be appointed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a), (b) and (c) : As per Section 3(1) of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks appointed under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, shall be the Registrar of Geographical Indications.The Geographical Indications Registry has been set up at Chennai on August 25, 2001. However, it will become fully functional with operationalization of the Geographical Indications legislation which is expected shortly.